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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation between [] of the SE Division and Mr. Barbour and Mr. Thurston of State Dept.

1. [] and [] met with Mr. Barbour and Mr. Thurston in Mr. Barbour's office on 28 August 1952 to discuss questions relating to Albania. [] explained that in order to support SE Division's contention that there have been sufficient indications of Yugoslav activity towards Albania and of a change in Yugoslav feeling concerning the dangers of a revolution in Albania, he had furnished Mr. Marcy with a collection of intelligence reports citing a number of pertinent specific items. These items would be useful in helping to shape the Department's thinking for diplomatic action in the event of or to forestal a unilateral Yugoslav attempt to change the Albanian regime. In the course of a general discussion on diplomatic steps which could be taken, Mr. Barbour stated that it would be extremely desirable to secure whatever additional information could be obtained from the Yugoslavs on the secret service level in order to have further material as a basis for State plans.

2. [] pointed out that the Yugoslav [] had made one or two moves suggesting a desire to draw CIA out in regard to our Albanian ideas, and that [] was being instructed to make it clear to the Yugoslavs that [] would be in a position to visit Belgrade in the near future and to discuss this matter if they were interested. There was general agreement that such a service level investigation would be of the utmost value and should be made as soon as possible. Mr. Barbour also indicated that the Department would welcome any ideas and suggestions from CIA on possible diplomatic steps. []

[] stated that SE Division is preparing a paper and will forward it at the earliest possible date.

3. [] mentioned the fact that he would be seeing King Zog in the near future and that undoubtedly the question of American visas for Zog and his retinue would arise. Mr. Barbour said that Zog's list of 43 or 45 candidates would definitely not receive favorable consideration and that [] should not commit himself on more than a total of 6 or 7 visas.

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